

PELICAN BAY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Coyne at 2:00 PM in the Boardroom of Suite 600 in the SunTrust Building at 801 Laurel Oak Drive. Board members present were: Libbie Bramson, Harry Coburn, John D'Aquanno, David Trecker, Allan Grossman, Marvin Peterson, and Ed Rossini and Howard Bennett. Absent were Jim Hobin (hospitalized) and Richard Laughlin.

Guests present were Ted Raia and Dr. Davis Buser, president of the Seagate Homeowners' Association.

Mike Coyne welcomed new Board member, Howard Bennett.

The president determined there was a quorum.

The minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

John D'Aquanno reported that we have \$373,000 in assets. A \$50,000 CD was purchased with First Florida Bank.

John mentioned that the December Treasurer's report wasn't ready for this meeting.

John gave the Board copies of a spread sheet for the 2007 budget (see attached).

The treasurer's report was approved unanimously by the Board.

President's Remarks

President Coyne introduced Dr. Buser to the Board to give his report on lower Clam Bay. Dr. Buser said that this is a very critical time because the 10-year plan, which is up for renewal in a year, needs to be adjusted in order to fix the problems that were not addressed initially. Dr. Buser mentioned that the sea grass is hurt by improper flushing to support Collier County hiring a sea grass expert to analyze data collected. He said sea grass is important to the eco-system. Dr. Buser said that the Pelican Bay Post reports like everything is OK.

Meanwhile, Dr. Buser said, he was having homeowners ask him why we cannot navigate through the system. Dr. Buser said he researched and compiled a report of 20 years of permits from the Core of Engineers the Coastguard, and DEP, relating to the system, and found 20 years of violations by Collier County, and eventually Pelican Bay Services Division Board in regards to management of this waterway - mostly in regard to signage. He has sent this report to city council members, Jim Mudd, and numerous others within the County. Clam Bay Restoration & Management Plan never put signs in when they should have.

The County now is trying to bring in an expert, come up with a plan and try to restore the sea grass. New signs are going up.

Dr. Buser said that everyone thinks that Clam Bay is a pristine waterway.

Dr. Buser said that a year ago funding from tourist tax dollars was allocated for maintenance of the Pass. In order to get the funding Dr. Buser had to prove it was a navigable waterway of the US. He said the Services Division argued that it is not and should not be funded. He had a problem convincing the County that they should fund this. Dr. Buser quoted Mike Bauer as saying that idle speed boating does not harm the mangroves. What does hurt the mangroves and the seagrass is improper flushing. Seagate is proposing to ban combustion motors from outside the marked channels - only canoes and kayaks to be allowed. Could this Bay ever be restored?

Dr. Buser urged the PBPOA to support Collier County hiring independent seagrass expert to analyze the data collected and come up with a solution.

In 1999 shortly after the dredging was done and flat belts were put on, was the only time there was a 10% new regrowth of seagrasses in outer Clam Bay in the deepest section. For some reason the flat belts were taken off, it was maintained sporadically and the Bay has gone into a death spiral.

Dr. Buser said that the people who are monitoring the Bay should be spotting the trends and reporting on them.

Questions were proposed to Dr. Buser by members of the Board.

Dredging will help the water quality but isn't the total answer. Better water exchange with the gulf will definitely help the water quality. What Dr. Buser would like to see happen is, the city of Naples has a storm water utility, the County does not have a strong one. Dr. Buser thinks there is a solution within our community - Pelican Bay's waste water treatment plant.

Dr. Buser said that incorrect information is being sent out by Services Division on what is happening. He is meeting on January 29 with Commissioner Halas to present facts.

Dr. Buser mentioned that there are a lot of things that Pelican Bay and his community of Seagate ought to be working on. He mentioned the non-opening of Crayon Road as an example.

Dr. Buser said that he is adamant about not having the new 10-year plan approved until the expert report is completed, probably within the next four weeks.

The Board suggested that Dr. Buser write an article for the Pelican Bay Post in order to set people straight.

Committees

Harry Coburn reported on the Foundation meeting. St. William reconstruction plans are at the diocese in Venice. There was a discussion on the letter sent by Comcast. It seems to have been sent in error and was a special promotion for people who don't have any of it. We now have the three systems for Comcast.

Lawsuits on Cap D'Antibes and Hammock Oak Center architecture.

There is a Forum to meet the Foundation candidates on Feb. 6.

Merlin Lickhalter reported back that his suggestion at the Services Division to work jointly with the Services Division was met luke-warmly.

John D'Aquanno reported that he was not able to attend the Services Division meeting but that Allan Grossman was there and will report. It seems the majority of the Services' board was somewhat hostile toward Dr. Buser's presentation.

It was suggested that someone from the Services Division board come to our next meeting so that we could hear their side of the issue.

Mike reported that Jim Hobin had heart surgery and the Board would send a get well card.

Ed Rossini reported on the Legal Committee that our insurance policy is being changed for general liability. The agent assured us that the Year-Rounders is covered by our policy.

Old Business

John D'Aquanno reported that there will be 40 people from the Foundation and Services Division along with our Board attending the cocktail reception at the Sandpiper on January 22.

Ted Raia asked the Board about the commercial people changing site plan approvals plans. (see attached)

Dave Trecker reported on the incorporation project. Dave said that he has a final report from Mr. Canada. Dave moved that the Board approve the plan to disseminate information on incorporation to the community and to take feedback from the community on whether or not to proceed with the project; this to be done in the time frame of the current season (Feb – March). This motion was seconded by Marvin Peterson.

Discussion followed.

Dave said phase 1 would be to publish a number of informational articles in the Pelican Bay Post written by his committee - the first to appear in mid February, the second in early March.

The second step would be to form a steering committee.

The third step would be a town hall meeting.

Then a survey is to be taken.

Much discussion by the Board members followed.

A vote was taken on Dave's motion - 7 were in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Dave Trecker and Libbie Bramson reported on the Pelican Bay Observer, newsletter.

Dave reported that a three-person committee was appointed – Allan, Libbie and Dave.

They met with the publisher and have a proposal for the masthead, type of paper, and steps for the first issue. Mailing would be mailed out the third week of February.

Libbie presented a rough draft of the newsletter for the Board. This would consist of four pages (see attached). Libbie asked that comments and questions from Directors be sent to Dave Trecker.

Marvin asked that the title of the newsletter be Pelican Bay Leader.

Mike suggested the newsletter be put on our web site. Also, comments from readers be sent to the office or on office e-mail.

New Business

Marvin mentioned that Lois Sabatino was disappointed that PBPOA did not send a contribution to the Toys For Tots fund. Allan made a motion that it is inappropriate for PBPOA to give to charitable contributions. This motion was seconded by Ed Rossini and passed by the Board.

Dave said he was asked if PBPOA will endorse candidates for the Foundation Board. Harry made a motion that the policy of the PBPOA is not to support candidates for election within the community of Pelican Bay. This motion was seconded by Ed and passed by the Board.

Allan suggested that a short presentation for membership to PBPOA be made at Men's Coffee. Also, Mike suggested a survey on incorporation at the men's coffee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Trecker, Secretary